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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004 in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, and an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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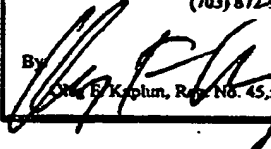
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, transmitted herewith please find an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application. No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492. A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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